

**REMARKS**

In response to the Official Action dated September 22, 2005, claim 12, the only rejected claim, has been cancelled.

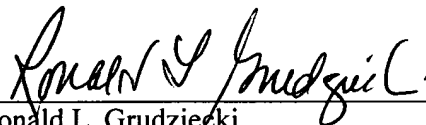
Early allowance of claims 1-6, 8, 10, 11 and 13-16 is earnestly solicited.

Should any questions arise in connection with this application, or should the Examiner believe a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any remaining issues pertaining to this application, the undersigned respectfully requests that he should be contacted at the number indicated below.

Respectfully Submitted,

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